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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – APWAS- Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram for his grave negligence in concluding the case in a very slipshod manner or dishonestly while submitting inquiry report - Initiation of Disciplinary action - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal Rules, 1991- Articles of charges –Orders - Issued

FINANCE(ADMN-II, DWA, PAO) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No. 164 **Dated:11-08-2023**

Read the following:-

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991 against the said Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram & Inquiry Officer for his grave negligence in concluding the case in a very slipshod manner or dishonestly giving benefit of doubt to the charged officer viz. Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I(Rtd) when misappropriation of Government funds are involved.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure.I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure.II). A list of witnesses by whom, and a list of documents by which, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte

6. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RM&FP)

To
Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram, through the Director of Works Accounts, Mangalagiri
Copy to:
The Director of Works Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri for necessary action
SF/SCs(2109507)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGRES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SREERAMIREDDY, JDWA, DOWLAISWARAM.

CHARGE

That the said Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram has been appointed as Inquiry Officer by the Government vide G.O.Rt 1959, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dt:-28-10-2021 to inquiry into the charges framed against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I(Rtd). The Inquiry Officer, Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram as a rational and prudent official, failed to submit report in a rational & prudent manner. The Inquiry report exhibits negligence in concluding the case in a very slipshod manner or dishonestly giving benefit of doubt to the charged officer shows lack of integrity, commitment to duty, and complete irresponsibility for conducting proper inquiry as entrusted to him by the Government.

This amounts to dereliction of duties and disobedience to the Government instructions. Thus he has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SREERAMIREDDY,JDWA, DOWLAISWARAM.

Sri D. Sreedhara Rao while serving as DAO(W) Grade-I O/o the Executive Engineer, HLC(LOC) Division, Anantapur, presently DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd) who was assigned the role of Checker in CFMS has forwarded the bills to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer without proper scrutiny of vendor details and beneficiary bank details which lead to misappropriation of Government funds. The Government have framed articles of charges against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I(Rtd) vide G.O.Rt no.1796, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dt:-02-08-2021.after following due procedure, the Government have appointed Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram as Inquiry officer and Sri S.Sreepathi Acharyulu, PAO(WA), Anantapur as Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I(Retd)

As a "checker" the charged officer i.e., Sri D.Sreedhar Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I (Retd) has forwarded the bills to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer without proper scrutiny of vendor details and beneficiary bank details which led to the misappropriation of Government funds. The inquiry officer's contention that as the original beneficiary was displayed in the bill creation tile, there was no scope of getting a doubt about fake beneficiary while the bills are processed by the Checker[Supdt/DAO(W) and submitted (DDO) displays complete disregard for a clear omission of validation of one of the most important and basic information in bills processing - matching the approved beneficiary with his/her bank account by checking relevant documents. The maker entered the data showing a fake beneficiary's account against the name of the correct beneficiary. Sri Sridhara Rao, DAO (W) Grade I did not verify whether the account number did indeed belong to the approved beneficiary, and instead processed the file for transferring the amount to the account number of the fake beneficiary. It is therefore clearly evident that as a "checker" the charged officer i.e., Sri D.Sreedhar Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I (Retd) has forwarded the bills to the Drawing and Disbursing Officer without proper scrutiny of vendor details and beneficiary bank details which led to the misappropriation of Government funds. The report of inquiry officer exhibits lack of integrity, commitment to duty, and complete irresponsibility for conducting proper inquiry as entrusted to him by the Government.

Thus, the JDWA, Dowlaiswaram & Inquiry officer has failed his duties in bringing the vital facts as a rational and prudent Official thereby concluded the case in a very slipshod manner or dishonestly giving benefit of doubt to the charged officer viz. Sri D.Sreedhara Rao, DAO(W) Grade-I(Rtd) when misappropriation of Government funds are involved.

Thus he has violated Rule 3(1) of A.P.C.S. Conduct Rules 1964. This amounts to dereliction of duties.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SREERAMIREDDY,JDWA, DOWLAISWARAM IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

"NIL"

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SREERAMIREDDY,JDWA, DOWLAISWARAM IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. G.O.Rt no.1796, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dt:-02-08-2021.
2. G.O.Rt no.1959, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dt:-28-10-2021.
3. Inquiry report of Sri P.Sreerami Reddy, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram vide Lr no.JDWA/DWM/Sn-B/B1/2021-22/302 dt:-04-01-2022.
4. Government Memo no.FIN01-HODS0ADWA(ESM)/29/2021-Admn-II, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dt:-03-05-2023.

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